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Senator Patrick Johnston
State Capitol
Room 4035
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RE: CALFED Bay-Delta Program

Dear Senator Johnston,

It was good to see you tonight at the Delta Water Users meeting. We are always glad to break bread with you and hear your comments.

It may be that you know more about the CALFED program than I do, Pat, and if so I wish you could get some concrete information for me from the CALFED staff. Attached is page 23 of the February 1999 "projects and Programs Proposal Solicitation Package". It says very clearly, *"Over 100,000 acres in the Delta may be converted to wetlands for the ecosystem restoration."*

I want to know where this "restoration" is to take place. CALFED has said that they are targeting publicly held lands for the ecosystem restoration – but the government does not now own 100,000 acres of Delta farmlands. We do. I am very concerned that this program is going to take the path of the Everglades Restoration project in Florida. There, private landowners are being driven from their property for the sake of "restoration".

Thank you for listening to our concerns. We are relying on representatives at your level to keep CALFED from disrupting our lives and livelihoods.

Sincerely,



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